GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COAL WASH CAPACITY IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of the coal wash capacity is very less in the country as compared to the other developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the assessment of expenditure on the coal washing on an average at national level in the year 2006-07 in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a & b): In the absence of authentic data, the washing capacity in India cannot be compared with other countries. However,the available washing capacity in the country is about 30% of the total coal production achieved in 2006-07.

(c): The average cost of coal washing at optimum capacity utilisation for non coking coal would be Rs.55.50 per tonne and Rs.127.19 per tonne for coking coal in case of Coal India Ltd.'s washeries.